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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MO MASS  
SUBJECT: MOROCCO - AIM 9-J-1-R MISSILES

REF: SECDEF DTG 142303Z SEP 76 AND PREVIOUS

1. MOROCCO HAS A SQUADRON OF 22 F-5 A/B AIRCRAFT AS THE  
PRIMARY DEFENSE AGAINST ALGERIAN BOMBER OR FIGHTER ATTACK  
ON MOROCCAN CITIES. GOM PURCHASED 180 AIM 9-B SIDEWINDER  
MISSILES IN 1974 AS A PRIMARY WEAPON TO USE IN THIS DEFENSE.  
SOME OF THESE HAVE BEEN USED IN AIRCREW TRAINING. GOM PLANS  
TO KEEP THE REMAINDER IN RESERVE UNTIL THEY GET THE AIM 9-J  
MISSILES AT WHICH TIME THEY WILL BE USED FOR TRAINING.

2. THE AIM 9-B IS AN OLD TECHNOLOGY MISSILE WITH LIMITED  
CAPABILITIES AGAINST AFTERBURNING TARGETS. ADDITIONALLY,  
RMAF EXPERIENCED A 44 PERCENT FAILURE RATE AMONG THOSE THAT THEY  
HAVE FIRED IN TRAINING. UNLESS THE AIM 9-J MISSILE IS PROVIDED  
THE DEFENSIVE CAPABILITY OF GOM'S F-5S WILL BE SERIOUSLY  
DEGRADED IF NOT NIL.

3. REQUEST THAT THE LOA FOR THE AIM 9-J MISSILES BE  
PROCESSED EXPEDITIOUSLY SINCE IT INVOLVES A LENGTHY TEST  
PROGRAM FOR WHICH THE COST WILL BE SHARED BY SEVERAL COUNTRIES.

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EXTENSIVE FURTHER DELAY WILL IMPACT UNFAVORABLY ON COST AND  
SCHEDULE.  
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